

FINANCE, OIL AND GAS

Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 27.—Price-fixing, proposed taxation and a general uncertainty as to what prospective plans at Washington may develop weakened the Pittsburgh Stock Exchange last week and as a result almost all shares traded in showed declines. On 33 issues dealings in only six showed advances, while 17 declined and 30 remained stationary. The stocks which rose were Light and Heat, Pittsburgh Consolidated, United States Glass, West Penn. Railways preferred, Pittsburgh Oil and Gas and San Toy. The market for the week was very dull and rather narrow. Only 78,888 shares were traded in and of these almost 55,000 were the mining issues.

LaBelle iron, Ohio fuel supply and Pittsburgh Oil and Gas were the week's features. LaBelle and Pittsburgh Oil and Gas touched new high records of 120 and 7 1/2, respectively, while nearly 10,000 shares of the fuel stock changed hands. LaBelle lost its strength, however, and Ohio fuel supply declined. Pittsburgh Oil and Gas developed its greatest strength at the close of the week's trading.

Summary for Saturday.

Stocks—	High.	Low.
10 A W G Mach...	52	52
500 Diana Mines...	28	28
15 H W Refrac...	126	126
200 Ind Brewing...	2 1/2	2 1/2
100 LaBelle Iron...	116 1/2	116 1/2
35 De preferred...	122 1/2	122 1/2
125 Mrs L & H...	65 1/2	65 1/2
3,100 Mt Shasta...	40	40
10 Ohio Fuel...	20	20
100 Ohio Fuel Sup...	50	49 1/2
135 Oklahoma Gas...	29	29
2,000 Pgh Consol...	.61	.61
1,000 Pgh Jerome...	.69	.69
1,305 Pgh O & G...	7 1/2	7 1/2
225 U S Glass...	47	46 1/2

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*New high record.

New York

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—The New York stock market Saturday was irregular, with prices fluctuating and trading extremely dull. The tone was improved, however, and most of the list was inclined upward. Some of the rails were under pressure and some of the steel shares declined. The dull session saw only 100,000 shares traded in and among these United States Steel, Bethlehem and Crucible Steel were up fractionally.

Grain and Produce

CHICAGO, Aug. 27.—Trading in wheat for future delivery ceased Saturday on the board of trade until after the war. September, the sole remaining option made a dignified exit from the market at \$2.11 1/2 which was half a cent below final figures. Corn was subjected to selling pressure throughout the session and closed weak, 2 1/2 @ 2 1/2 c. net, lower with December at 10 1/2 @ 10 1/2 c. and May at 10 1/2 @ 10 1/2 c. Oats lost 1/4 c. and provisions had weak support and finished from 50c @ \$1.10 lower.

Oil and Gas.

The best completion in the West Virginia fields at the close of the week was the South Penn Oil Company's No. 5 on the Isaac C Moore farm, located on Miracle Run, Battelle district, Monongalia county. It got its production in the Big Injun sand and is showing for a 75-barrel producer. This company got one of similar size when it completed No. 4 on the Rebecca Lemley farm.

On Ten-Mile Creek, Ten-Mile district, Harrison county, the Golden Oil and Gas company has drilled its test on the A M Carter farm through the fifth sand. It will make a five-barrel pumper. On Inflow Creek, Union district, the Reserve Gas Company has a fifth sand gasser on the I S Paugh farm. On Little Elk Creek,agle district, the Pittsburgh and West Virginia Gas Company got one of the same kind at a test on the M K Baker farm.

On Walnut Creek, Center district, Calhoun county, the Hope Natural Gas Company, after drilling its test on the Bennett heirs' farm to a depth of 5,628 feet, decided to discontinue drilling. Nothing was found in any formation except the Maxon sand. A light show of oil was encountered in that formation and it will be shot and tested. On Little Creek, Spencer district, Roane county, the United Fuel Gas Company's test on the C E Hedges farm is a gasser in the Big Injun sand. On Mill Creek, Wash-

ington district, Jackson county, the same company completed a test on the W S Evans farm. It is a fair gasser in the Big Injun sand.

On Long Drain Run, Church district, Wetzel county, the Carnegie Natural Gas Company completed in the Gordon sand a test on the Patrick Noon farm. It is a duster. In Harper district, Roane county, the Sidney Oil and Gas Company drilled its test on the Mary A Harper farm through the Big Injun sand. A light show of oil was developed in that formation. It was given a shot, but failed to respond and has been abandoned. In Serman district, Calhoun county, the South Penn Oil Company completed a second test on the Henry Brannon farm. It is not good for more than five barrels a day in the Big Injun sand.

In the lower West Virginia districts all of the late completions are light pumpers. In Elk district, Kanawha county, located on Indian Creek, the South Penn Oil Company's second test on the Jackson Myers farm is a five-barrel pumper in the Weir sand. No. 5 on the C. B. Graham farm is also a light pumper in the same formation.

In Duval district, Lincoln county, located on Porters Fork, the South Penn Oil Company has drilled No. 84 on the Horse Creek tract through the Berea grit. It is good for three barrels a day. On the Blue Creek tract, Elk district, Kanawha county, the same company has drilled No. 57 from the Big Injun to the Weir sand. Nothing was found in the lower formation. On Big Elk Creek, Sardis district, Harrison county, Hutcheson & Co. drilled a test on the W E Hall farm through the Gordon sand. Nothing was found and it is drilling to the lower sands.

On Buckeye Fork, Greenbrier district, Doddridge county, Ernest Randolph & Co. have drilled a second test on the Walter V Ross farm to a depth of 2,800 feet. It is dry and abandoned. On Mill Creek, Washington district, Jackson county, C. L. Cabot is drilling in the Big Injun sand at a test on the B F Thomas farm. On Fishing Creek, Mannington district, Marion county, S N Elliott is drilling a test on the N Maple farm. The Philadelphia Company is drilling a test on the L Metz farm. On Knobb Fork, Church district, Wetzel county, the Hope Company has started to drill a test on the J B Burch farm.

MONONGAH

Surprise Birthday Party.
Miss Kathryn Price entertained several local and out of town friends at a surprise birthday party given at her home on Main street Saturday evening in honor of the twenty-first birthday of her brother, James Price. Dainty refreshments were served following a general social hour. The honor guest received many beautiful gifts all of which were well appreciated.

A party composed of about twenty local young people motored to Wyatt yesterday afternoon to witness a baseball game scheduled between Wyatt and the Monongah Glass. Upon arrival there the game had been called off.

Returned Home.
Mrs. Abraham Javitch has returned home after a several weeks' visit with friends and relatives at various points in Ohio. While away she visited Mr. Javitch's parents at Steubenville, O.

Personals.
Miss Dorothy Knapp was among the Fairmont callers in Monongah yesterday afternoon.

James Knox, of Fairmont, spent the week end with friends in Monongah.

Albert James was a social caller in Fairmont yesterday afternoon.

Morris Silverman spent Sunday with friends in Fairmont.

Miss Verna Kegan, of Fairmont, was in Monongah for a short while yesterday afternoon.

Miss Isis Allender and Miss Ruth Keim were in Fairmont yesterday evening attending church.

Guy Mathews, of Lumberport, motored to Monongah yesterday afternoon.

Miss Rose Snodgrass, of Fairmont, was in Monongah yesterday calling on friends and relatives.

Miss Beatrice Hall was in Fairmont this morning attending the Marion County Teachers' Institute that is in session in the Miller building.

Miss Lottie Glover, of Fairmont, was among the out of town callers in Monongah Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Price, of Fairmont, were in Monongah during the week calling on friends and relatives.

Miss Grace Ott, of Fairmont, was in town calling on local friends during the week.

CHILDREN BARRED FROM CIRCUS.
CLARKSBURG, Aug. 27.—Orders forbidding the attendance of children under 16 years of age at a circus booked here for August 28 were served upon the management of the circus by Dr. J. F. Williams, county health officer, and Dr. C. O. Post, city health officer. The action was taken, owing to the infantile paralysis epidemic.

CONCERT FOR TROOPS.
CHARLESTON, W. Va., Aug. 27.—Musicians of the several bands in Charleston, numbering more than 10 said farewell to members of the Second Regiment and the Second Regiment Band with a patriotic concert at Camp Kanawha, where the regiment is mobilized. Several thousand people visited the camp.

FOREPART OF WEEK
LIKELY TO BE COOL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—The weather forecast for the week beginning August 28 is as follows:
Middle Atlantic States—The weather will continue fair practically throughout the week, with moderate temperature until Wednesday, when slightly higher temperatures are probable.

South Atlantic and East Gulf States—The week will be one of fair weather and moderate temperature.
Ohio Valley and Tennessee—Fair, cool weather the first part of the week, with increasing cloudiness and possibly showers Thursday or Friday.

Region of Great Lakes—The first of the week will be fair and cool, with a return to normal temperatures by Tuesday, then possibly a shower period of one or two days and fair weather thereafter.

BITS OF
STATE NEWS

There passed through Grafton last Friday a man sixty-eight years old who was footing it from Cumberland, Md., to Weston. The man was grey of hair and beard, a venerable man, yet ruddy of face and apparently sound of body. Appearances were deceptive however, for the man was afflicted with muscular rheumatism to such an extent that he has been confined for some time in a hospital at Cumberland undergoing treatment for this painful malady. After he had improved under the treatment there sufficiently to have gained a partial use of his lower limbs he started out afoot for Weston, led on and sustained by the hope of seeing his daughter, who lives there. The prospects of such a journey would have appalled many men of fewer years and stronger bodies but the old man embarked upon his journey with an undaunted, unconquerable spirit which was rewarded within a few days by a return of strength and sound health to the afflicted limbs of the aged pilgrim. He asserted that the walk had done him more good than all of the medicine he had ever taken and he strongly recommends walking as a cure for those who were afflicted as he was.

Not the privilege of many people to have included among their topics of conversation (operations, rheumatism, weather, etc.), the sensations attendant upon falling from a third story window onto a brick pavement. Yet such is the fortune of a young girl of Grafton, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hostler, who fell three stories from a window in the rear of her home last Thursday morning, landed in a paved courtyard and according to latest reports is living and on the road to rapid recovery. The girl, not yet three years old, was leaning out of the window watching for her father who was expected back from Atlantic City and it is supposed she lost her balance in some manner. When assistance reached her, she was unconscious and it was feared that she had received internal injuries, but about an hour later she regained consciousness and began to rally.

Complaint has been made to Governor Cornwell and the state road commission in regard to the practice engaged in by merchants and others of putting up signs resembling railroad crossing warning posts for advertising purposes. The signs are said to be a source of annoyance and danger to travelers through their inability to detect readily the real nature of the signs and their consequent confusion with the signs used by the railroad companies. An investigation of the laws of the state failed to reveal any provision for dealing with this practice and the merchants are being appealed to to voluntarily abandon this method of advertising until additional legislation can be secured.

Hoboing seems to be one of the arts, special talent for which makes itself evident early in life, as with music, painting, etc., according to a story which comes to us from Grafton and which tells of the arrest there of a little nine-year-old youngster who was detected "riding the rods." For the benefit of the uninitiated it may be explained that "riding the rods" is the practice of joy riding encamped upon the steel rods underneath freight cars. By reason of the close proximity of the rods to the roadbed beneath, the slender support which the rods afford for the body and the constant jarring

and swaying to which one is subject on the springy rods, the practice is usually engaged in only by seasoned huns, hardened to the life of the road and accustomed to occupying all sorts of precarious births. The little lad who was arrested at Grafton arrived there on the rods under one of the coaches of the Elkins train and when hauled out he told the officer that his name was John Ross, son of Peter Ross, of Belington. He is being held pending the results of an investigation to learn the whereabouts of his parents.

West Virginia sportsmen are eagerly awaiting the opening of the state game season and within a short time the nimrods may become active. Squirrels may be shot after September 15 and until December 1; deer may be hunted from October 15 until December 1; November is the quail season, while pheasants and wild turkeys may be hunted from October 15 to December 1. It is unlawful to kill more than 12 quails, 12 ruffed grouse, 2 wild turkeys or 12 squirrels in a day's shooting, or more than 96 quail, 25 ruffed grouse, 6 turkeys and 100 squirrels in a season.

Details have been announced concerning the change in ownership of the First National Bank of Logan. The purchasers are a group of prominent Guyan Valley coal operators headed by A. H. Land, of Barboursville, and the deal was brought about, it is said, by talk of the organization of a third bank at Logan by the coal men. The institution was capitalized at \$500,000 and has resources amounting to \$1,100,000. The purchasers have reorganized it and increased the capitalized stock to \$150,000.

Wheeling is planning to install a new water filtration system and the officials are conferring with Mayor Tolman of Charleston, who is director of sanitary engineering of the West Virginia state department of health. They are undecided as yet what type of plant to install but if the city can raise the funds it will probably install a mechanical filtration system. In the event that the city cannot raise sufficient funds for this, a chlorine plant will probably be used temporarily.

AUTOMOBILES ACCESSORIES

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SPECIAL NOTICES

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On or after this date I will not be responsible for any bills conducted by my wife Nora Pride, as she has left my bed and board. Eliza Pride—Adv.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between B. M. Chalfant, Elihu Yost, J. C. Yost, W. D. Yost of Fairview under the firm name of Chalfant, Yost & Sons is this 6th day of August, 1917 dissolved by mutual consent. The business will be continued by E. L. Yost and Sons who are authorized to settle the affairs of Chalfant, Yost & Sons.

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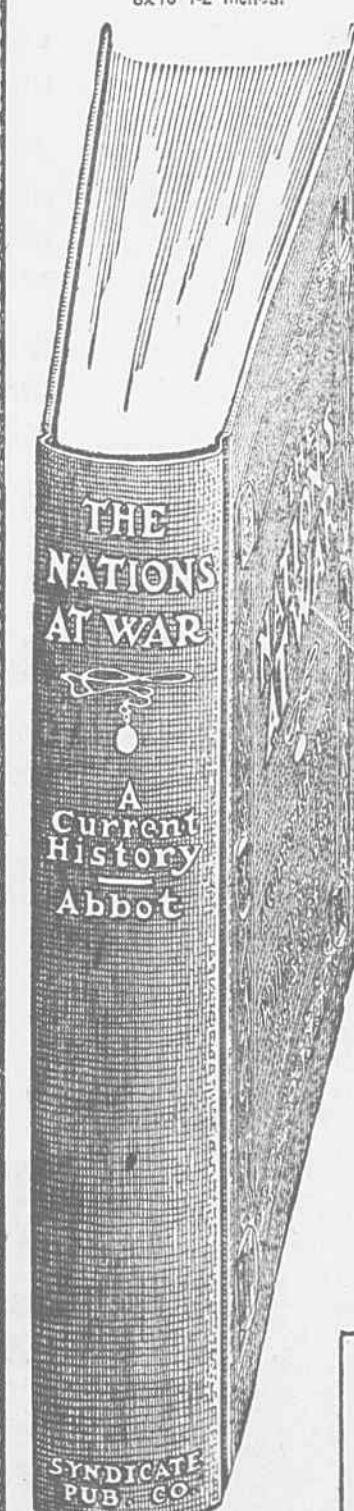
NOTICE.

Sealed bids will be received until one o'clock p. m. August 30, 1917, by the undersigned commission of finance for all or a part of the general improvement and refunding bonds of the city of Fairmont, 4 1/2%, annual, serial. Dated January 1, 1917. Interest and principal payable in Fairmont or New York, amount \$700,000, or \$410,000 thereof, of average maturities. Bonds ready for delivery at time of sale. Bidding forms and information on request. Right reserved to reject any or all bids.
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WANTED

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